(c) The staff working in the catering establishments comprising the above seven units form a separate cadre and seniority unit and they are transferred within these units. The officers are transferred over Zonal Railways.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Rotation of officers and staff is subject to administrative exigencies.

Problems of Brackish Water Prawn Culture in Orissa

2080. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems of brackish water prawn culture in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken to identify and resolve those problems?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA): (a) and (b) Apprehensions have been vioced in some quarters about the. possible adverse impact of prawn culture in the Coastal areas including Orissa. To ensure sustainable and eco-friendly development of brackish water prawn/ shrimp farming, the Government of India have issued Guidelines to all the maritime States including Orissa which among others stipulate that:—

(i) all prawn/shrimp culture units with 10 ha or more water spread area should obtain clearance from the environmental angle, of the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) before commencement of aquafarming. In addition all farms established under export oriented Unit/Joint Venture will also be required to obtain such clearances from the SPCBs,

(ii) the units with a net water area of 40 ha or more shall incorporate an environment Monitoring and Management Plan (EMMP) which inter-alia includes treatment of waste water before discharging into the adjoining land/water ways; prevention of conversion fo agriculture land, ecologically fragile mangrove areas and other ecosystems into shrimp farms; prevention of leaching of saline water into adjoining aquaculture/ground water/ drinking water sources, etc.,

(iii) the unit has to abide by the relevant rules and regulations notified by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, on water pollution, coastan regulation zone, etc.

Rail accidents and Ccmpensation to victims

2081. SHRI P. VEDPRAKASH GOYAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) the number of rail accidents that took place in the country from 1st January to 30th June, 1996;

(b) the manner in which the same compares with rail accidents during corresponding period in 1994 and 1995;

(c) whether the near relatives of persons killed and the persons injured in these accidents have been paid the amount of compensation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the payment of compensation to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) In formation is as under-

Period	Number of accidents
01.01.% -30.06.96	223
01.01.95 -30.06.95	206
01.01.94-30.06.94	243

(c) to (e) No compensation has been paid to the dependents of dead and injured passengers for the accidents occurred from 1st January to 30th June, 1996. Compensation will be paid soon